REMARKS

The applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 12-21, 31, 33, and 34. Claims 1-11, 22-28, 30, and 32 have been cancelled. The Examiner has objected to claim 29 as being dependent on rejected base claim 26. Therefore, claim 29 has been amended to include all the limitations of the cancelled base claim 26 as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 12-21, 29, 31, 33, and 34 remain pending in the present application. No new matter added has been added. In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that all of the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, a notice of allowance should be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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